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Application of :  
Takehiro YAMAOKA et al. :  
Serial No. 10/663,302 : Group Art Unit - 2856  
Filed: September 16, 2003 : Examiner- Daniel Sean Larkin  
For: SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE :  
AND OPERATION METHOD : Docket No. S004-5124  
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MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
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**RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2004, applicants amend their application as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

**MAILING CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 25**